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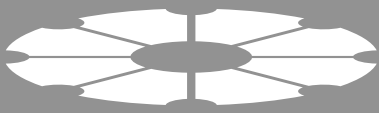
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In 1999, however, Turabi's fortunes abruptly changed: he lost a power struggle with Bashir, who fired him. This spring, Turabi, in a striking return to Sudanese politics, said some astonishing things about Islam. Though he had always been more supportive of women's rights than other hard-liners, he was now declaring that women and men are equal, that women can lead Islamic prayers, that covering the hair is not obligatory, that apostasy should not be a crime. Turabi seemed to recognize that, in the ruins of his own making in Sudan, his countrymen required a new notion of Islam and government. Great turns in history seldom come because someone writes a manifesto or proposes a theory. Turabi would find himself pushed aside when the 'Memo of the Ten' was signed by individuals who are part of the ruling clique, when they saw Turabi's capacity for surpassing the charismatic authority traditional Islamist parties in Sudan have exhibited. Firstly, how genuine are the movement's motives and to what extent were its failures inevitable? 5 El-Affendi, Abdelwahab (1991): Turabi's revolution. Islam and power in Sudan. London: Grey Seal, p. 29. 6 Galander, see reference 2, p. 114. 7 Abd Al Rahim, Muddathir (1969): Imperialism and Nationalism in the Sudan. A study in constitutional and political development 1899-1956. Oxford: Clarendon Press, pp. 100-105. 8 Warburg, Gabriel (1978): Islam, nationalism and communism in a traditional society. The case of Sudan. London: Cass, p. 27. 15 Niblock, Tim (1987): Class and Power in Sudan. The Dynamics of Sudanese Politics, 1898-1985. Albany: State University of New York Press, pp. 182-186.